

Docket No.: 076476-0011

**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer No. 53080

Hiroshi IWAMOTO, et al. : Confirmation No. 4397

Application No.: 10/593,894 : Group Art Unit: 1791

Filed: September 22, 2006 : Examiner: Patrick N. BUTLER

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING A DISSIMILAR MATERIAL

## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: